## **Fireworks**

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Since the Fireworks program was amended in statute in 1993, it has continued to grow throughout our state. The pyrotechnics companies, the local fire service, and the State Fire Marshal's Office, continue to try and work closely to insure that the Utah Fireworks Act is as safe as possible and reasonably enforced.

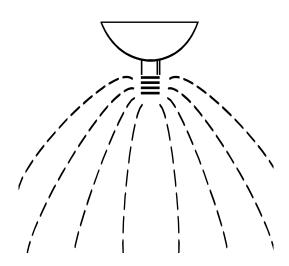


Each spring newly arrived fireworks are tested to insure they meet the requirements of the fireworks act and are acceptable as Class C state approved fireworks. This testing is conducted twice each spring to allow fireworks to be approved whether they arrive in early spring or later on.

Last year in the State of Utah there were 154 licensed Fireworks Display Operators, 113 licensed Fireworks Special Effects Operators, and 23 companies licensed as Wholesalers and Importers.

This last year created special challenges with the continuing drought and the desire by the citizens of our state to express their patriotic and pioneer spirit on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. The conflict that prohibits the selling of fireworks even after the area of discharge has been closed continued to be a problem. It appears that some form of legislation will need to be enacted to try and resolve this continuing problem.

## Having sprinklers installed. . . . .



is like having a <mark>fire</mark>fighter in every room





